



# ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Welcome to May. Spring is here in full force now; our outdoor shooting leagues are up and active, several important conservation activities are on the Calendar -- or in the can, like the Earth Day cleanup -- and the annual conservation scholarship competition is open for applicants.

May is also a month when your Chapter begins an all-important process, that of identifying and ultimately selecting fellow Ikes for leadership roles in the year ahead.

It all starts at this month's General Membership Meeting when, in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, your President appoints a Nominating Committee. Then, over the next couple of months, that committee will discuss, interview and deliberate until it comes up with a slate of candidates to fill out the Chapter's Governing Body for the coming year. That would be the offices of President, First and Second Vice President, and Treasurer, plus the Recording and Membership Secretaries. In addition, the committee will nominate four Chapter members to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee will submit its report to you, the Membership, at the July meeting. Elections are held at the August meeting and the installation of Officers and Board takes place at the September meeting. But the process starts now, with the May meeting. So please, come out May 4th to find out who is on the Nominating Committee\* then start talking to fellow Ikes about stepping up to fill these important positions. And who knows? You may find that the best Ike for the job is -- You!

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\* If you have an interest in serving on the committee, please contact me: [president@iwlar.org](mailto:president@iwlar.org).

## Greenfest 2018

Montgomery County's annual Greenfest will be held on May 5 from 11am to 4 pm at Jesup Blair Local Park. The park is located at 900 Jesup Blair Dr, Silver Spring. The event will feature an electric vehicle and hybrid car show, events on backyard beekeeping, quick pickling and gardening for balconies, patios, porches and decks among other things. See <http://montgomerycountygreenfest.org>.

## May Speaker Spotlight

Jennifer (Jenny) St. John is the Senior Water Quality Specialist for Montgomery County DEP. She leads the County's stream monitoring team to monitor aquatic biology, stream habitat, physical geometry, and chemistry at stream sites. These data are used to assess health of County sub watersheds over time, evaluate success of watershed restoration projects and measure impacts of development.



## IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

Each year the Rockville Chapter provides the tent at the County Fair. Volunteers from the Chapters in Montgomery County provide information about their chapters as well as the State and National IWLA organization to those attending the County Fair. This year the fair starts on the 10th of August and runs through 18th. Volunteers are needed to help at our booth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets and parking are provided to volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to promote the Izaak Walton League. This is a good way for IWLAR members to get their required 6 hours of volunteer time and have some fun. Contact Bill Leaman or come to any General Membership meeting and talk to Bill with questions or to volunteer.

### **Kayak Class**

An introductory kayak class is scheduled for June 2 rain or shine from 10 AM to 2 PM at our Chapter House and lake. All kayak equipment will be provided. This class is for those who have never kayaked and those with limited experience and will cover safety, parts of a kayak, entry and exit, strokes and more. Participation is for those 8 and up and will be limited to the first 15 who register. For more information see Introduction to Kayaking - June 2, 2018 under Recreation/water sports at our website. To register send an email to [watersports@iwl.org](mailto:watersports@iwl.org) with the number of adults, and number of children and their ages or call Tom Selle. Chapter members are needed to assist with transporting equipment to and from the lake and to assist participants while on the water. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours, volunteers please send an email to the above address with your name and the hours you are available. Check out the schedule of kayak outings from June through September at our website under Recreation/water sports/season schedule. These are fun all day trips with all kayak related gear provided. Come out and join us.

### **Muzzleloader League**

The Muzzleloader League started on Wednesday, April 4th. Matches are held on the first Wednesday of each month, through October, at the pistol range. Arrive anytime starting at 4:30 pm up until about one hour before dusk. Arriving earlier is better, especially if it's your first time or if you want to shoot multiple times. Chapter membership is not required. If you don't have the required equipment, let us know, in advance, and we will supply it, with instruction.

Eye and ear protection are required. Cost is \$2.00 per relay for targets, awards, etc. You must shoot in a minimum of three matches in a category to qualify for an end-of-season award and for awards to be given there must be at least two qualifying shooters in that category. Averages will be kept to three decimal places. Match results will be published.

All shots (except sighting shots) must be held off-hand (no external support). NRA Pistol Rules apply when not superseded by this document, i.e., no wrist or elbow support, no gloves, no special jackets, etc. Slings are allowed.

There are no age limitations, but absolute safety is required. Shooters under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent at each match and the parent must annually sign a liability waiver.

Any questions, contact Susan Cassell.

### **Meeting Night Meals**

A big "Thank You" to Todd Hayton and his wife Erica for providing a wonderful chili at the April meeting.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

### **Rifle League**

The Rifle League began on Wednesday, April 11th. Matches are held on the second Wednesday of each month, through October, at the pistol range. Arrive anytime starting at 4:30 pm up until about one hour before dusk. Chapter membership is not required. If you are a new shooter, we have all the equipment and ammo for the Introductory category, just show up.

Eye and ear protection are required. Cost is \$2.00 per relay (Introductory category is free). You must shoot in a minimum of three matches in a category to qualify for an end-of-season award and for awards to be given there must be at least two qualifying shooters in that category. Averages will be kept to three decimal places. Match results will be published.

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### **The Rockville Email Group**

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters.

To sign up, send an email identifying yourself to [iwlar-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:iwlar-owner@yahoo.com). This is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancelations. Don't get left out of the loop – sign-up for the email group now!

### **Chapter Newsletter Via Yahoo Group Mail**

The Rockville Chapter Newsletter is available in PDF format sent to your email account. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email only contact David Schwartzman at [d.schwartzman@verizon.net](mailto:d.schwartzman@verizon.net), and include your name so that we can confirm your membership.

### **Out with the old, in with the new!**





## You would Bee Surprised

March 29<sup>th</sup> was a nice warm day – ideal for installing packages of bees. Each package weighs about 3 pounds and contains over 10,000 bees. Each comes with a can of sugar water to feed them during their trip from Georgia. It also contains a small cage with a queen. After carefully hanging the queen cage between two frames, the next step is to simply dump the bees into the hive. They quickly make their way down between the frames.



*Courtesy Maureen Williams*

Three days later we checked the queen to make certain she escaped her cage – if not, we would have released her into the hive. Now it's up to her to get acclimated and begin laying 1,500 to 2,000 eggs a day, over 1,000,000 in her lifetime. A bee fact: All the bees you see pollinating flowers are females. Norma Kawecki, Ellison Withers and Lee Hays will keep a close eye on our five hives in the apiary. Visitors are welcomed.

## You would Bee Surprised (continued)



*Shot of the queen's cage, Courtesy Maureen Williams*

## New Members recently Inducted

Christine Butto	Germantown
Chris & Ana Marye	Germantown
Alicia Micozzi	Bethesda
Jason Wang and Ben Wang	MontgomeryVillage

A warm welcome to all!

## Ike's Want Ads

**To Place a non-commercial ad**, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.